SHORT NOTICE QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Q.—28. Sri V. S. PATIL (Belgaum).—

Will the Government be placed to state :—

(*a*) whether the Autorickshaws drivers at Belgaum had resorted to strike on 23rd March 1965 by stopping the plying of all those rickshaws ;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for strike ;

(*c*) what were the grievances of the Autorickshaws Drivers and what steps Government have taken to remove them ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) On 22nd March 1965, the Assistant Superintendent of Police under training Shri C. Dinakar checked an Autorickshaw No. MYL 519 driven by Driver Krishna Peeraji Patil. Driver was not in uniform and had no documents pertaining to the vehicle. Driver misbehaved with the Asst. Superintendent of Police and used criminal force on him with the help of another. Driver and his associates have been arrested for obstructing the Assistant Superintendent of Police in the legal discharge of his Official dutics. Case taken against him for offences under Sections 353-183 I.P.C.

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Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance under Rule 63

Sri K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Education to the death of School children at Gadag-Betgeri due to food poisoning.

† Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—On 25th March 1965 a girl belonging to Kannada Girls' School, Betigeri, was admitted to the Basel Mission Hospital at Gadag and died the same day. Thereafter a large number of people had been admitted to the hospitals in Gadag and up-to 4-4-1965, 117 indoor-patients and 260 out-door patients had been treated. Of these 12 had died. Apart from these 12 cases reported by the Hospitals, two cases of death have also been reported from the birth and death Register of the Municipality. From the annexure, it will be seen that 5 of the children who have died belong to primary schools serving mid-day meals. Out of the other 9, three were below 5 years and the others were not going to the Schools serving mid-day meals. Among the patients treated during the period there were many adults, ranging n age from 55 downwards and cases are still being reported. The Deputy